

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2011

***** APPROVED*****

Members Present:

Honorable Donald Allen
Jeffrie Cape
Candace Cowling
James A. Fink
Honorable Amy Ronayne Krause
Cris Sullivan, Chair

Staff Present:

Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Debbie Felder-Smith
Julie Giddings
Sarah Heuser
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary

Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Tiffany Martinez
Brenda Miliken
Lore Rogers

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
John Lazet, Office of the Attorney General
Elizabeth Kunkle, Senator Carl Levin's Office
Shannon Nobles, Michigan Resource Center on Domestic & Sexual Violence
Erin Kwedens, Novi High School, MCADSV guest

Welcome and Introductions

Chair C. Sullivan convened the July 15, 2011 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests and to the new Board members.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of May 20, 2011 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by D. Allen to approve the July 15, 2011 agenda and to approve the May 20, 2011 meeting minutes. Seconded by J. Fink. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan was sorry to report that former LaVita director, Dolores Gonzalez Ramirez had passed away. Delores was an amazing advocate, tireless, passionate and dedicated person. This is a huge loss to our state and nationally.

C. Sullivan wanted to note that the September Board meeting has been changed to September 30, 2011.

There was an article distributed to the Board members for FYI that shows why there is still so much education still needed for Judges in Michigan.

C. Sullivan wanted to thank A. Krause for her generous time in helping to turn over the Board Chair position. C. Sullivan has a meeting with DHS' Director Corrigan in August to discuss the legislative process and changes as administrations have changed. There is also a meeting scheduled with the Governor's office this month to meet with their new administration.

MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Governance Process and Policy Review

Executive Limitations:

Asset Protection; Community and Counsel to the Board; Emergency Executive Director Succession

The Board reviewed and approved D. Cain's Asset Protection; Community and Counsel to the Board; Emergency Executive Director Succession reports.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink the Asset Protection; Community and Counsel to the Board; Emergency Executive Director Succession reports. Seconded by J. Cape. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain noted that at the September or October meeting, staff K. Porter will go through the Quality Assurance Standards as they have been updated with revisions.

D. Cain thanked A. Krause as she teaches judges across the country on DV for the National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and has been wonderful at teaching and recruiting Michigan Judges. Judge Thomas Boyd is also another judge that has attended and now that A. Krause has left District Court, he is taking over the reins and has asked if we could send someone to talk about children and domestic violence. Staff S. Heuser has been working with A. Krause to assist with the topic areas and which trainers would be helpful.

D. Cain discussed 2 handouts that were distributed regarding the (Family Violence Prevention and Services Act) FVPSA, (Sexual Assault Service Programs) SASP and STOP grants throughout the state of Michigan. All of these have seen a decline unfortunately since the 2010 census came out. We are hoping that larger cuts won't happen.

John Lazet from the Attorney General's office has been great in working with us and the legislature in victim crime issues, his position is the first victim position in the AG's office. Hoping to hear about the new Grants to Encourage Arrests (GTEA) grant by September.

D. Cain reported on contracts and grants have been the majority of what staff has been working on this summer. We set up SA assault dollars and turned in to SA comprehensive program dollars modeled more after the DV. Ended up with 32 applicants and were able to fund 23 of those. One of the trends that we're seeing is looking at dual programs, not all Domestic Violence programs understand Sexual Assault in intimate partner relationships. Been collaborating and capacity building with cross section of Directors, some dual. Had first meeting in June, hoping to go back to AD with solid plan ideas and give feedback of what type of technical assistance is available. If qualified for SAC money could also apply for new SANE fund money that we have from crime fees. There were 12 programs that applied, had to already have an up and running SANE in place, 8 were funded. Child Advocacy Centers (CAC), had 17 applications and 4 of those that didn't meet 75% of threshold. They were advised to go back and then 3 out of the 4 passed the second time, so 16 will be funded. Also amending DV Comprehensive and STOP application grants, all have to be adjusted with the change in formula effective 10/1/11. STOP Underserved set aside dollars had to be re-bid and have just got applications in and rated.

A newer report was distributed to Board members and there was discussion regarding the 400 statistical analysis kits of the 10,559 sexual assault kits from the Detroit Police Department's evidence room, spanning 1988-2009. There are 10,559 kits and believe that 5600 of those are viable and could be prosecuted which is impressive. The Joyful Heart Foundation, founded by Mariska Hardigay was getting numerous letters regarding the kits and had approached us as to how they could help Detroit process the kits.

Staff Gail Krieger and Lore Rogers reported on working with PAAM and MCOLES who are primarily funded through GTEA, STOP and STOP-ARRA dollars. MCOLES agreed to create a curriculum for law enforcement officers in responding to non-stranger sexual assault in adult and child adolescent. This was developed and successfully rolled out in seven 2-day in service trainings held. After these were done in April, MCOLES convened a one day debriefing with instructors to see what types of things worked or didn't. Staff has been on a workgroup trying to incorporate these changes into the training curriculum including a small video segment that could be used as a teaching tool. This prompted us to take a look at 1 day DV regional trainings for law enforcements, professionals and advocates.

G. Krieger mentioned the GTEA grant, and a huge portion is the cold cases in the Attorney General's office and we're hopeful that we get it. Another piece we applied for, PAAM and MCOLES on in depth in law enforcement training.

L. Rogers PAAM, STOP-ARRA and STOP-GTEA funded attorneys Herb Tanner and Ann Crapotta, have been doing various conferences and 2-day trainings in a small class size, been very intense.

L. Rogers working with PAAM on Sexual Assault Trial Manual that is targeted at the new prosecutor to the 5-year prosecutor. A little bit more than basic, but designed for someone who hasn't done a lot of sexual assault prosecution.

L. Rogers discussed the Sex Offender registry, MSP and PAAM will be doing training together.

L. Rogers also discussed an upcoming training, Strengthening Your Game, together with PAAM and the Midland DV/SA program are bringing in Joe Veste from Men Can Stop Rape. About the cultural shift in identifying, recognizing understanding how traditional construction of the stereo type of masculinity impacts the crimes of violence against women.

G. Krieger discussed another project that we're wrapping up with ARRA was revamped sexual assault kits that are being piloted in 5 different communities.

G. Krieger discussed the 2012 Task Force, which is the criminal response that was launched in April. It is a multidisciplinary group that includes statewide partners and professionals from the criminal justice field.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reported on HB 4532 [create exceptions for family members to prohibitions against unauthorized access to computers, computer systems, and computer networks in MCL 752.795]. Any type of action will be tabled until September.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink for the Board to stand aside at this meeting, staff will share with lead agencies and/or sponsors the concerns the Board has expressed today and will gather more information and bring it back to the September meeting. Motion seconded by D. Allen. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB4672-4673, marital property.

MOTION: Moved by A. Ronayne Krause to allow staff to be part of work group support concept but express concerns about the proposal as written, and decline to sign a letter of support at this time. Motion seconded by D. Allen. Motion carried.

More discussion of HB4672-4673.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to oppose the bill. Motion seconded by C. Cowling. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB4740, Child Custody Act.

MOTION: Moved by C. Cowling to oppose as written and add factors ???_____ Motion seconded by A. Ronayne Krause. Motion carried.

Board members A. Ronayne Krause and J. Cape have agreed to work with staff M. Lovik, L. Rogers and G. Krieger to come up with better language.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

K. Hagenian thanked Board for the words about Delores Gonzales who will be impossible to replace as she was a very important part of the Coalition and its mission. We celebrate all of her contributions while we mourn the loss.

K. Hagenian also commented in regards to the child custody laws; don't want to do a tradeoff. MCADSV appreciates M. Lovik's expertise and support along with being very grateful to the Board. Very concerned of putting forward last resort at the end. Would like to promote safety.

PROCESS EVALUATION:

D. Allen commented he's thrilled to be a part of this Board and very appreciative of the work the staff attorneys M. Lovik, G. Krieger and L. Rogers do to bring legislation in front of us to let the Board know concerns. Helps to educate Board members, very pleased about the process of the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by D. Allen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by A. Ronayne Krause. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb